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DOYLE DEDICATES AIRPORT'S NEW FIRE RESCUE FACILITY

Committed to the Safety of the Traveling Public

Monroe County Executive Jack Doyle today officially dedicated the new, state of the art, 14,000 square foot Airport Fire Station at the Greater Rochester International Airport, replacing the old station constructed there in 1974.

"Today's dedication not only acknowledges the brick and mortar of this wonderful new facility, but honors the dedication and commitment of the Airport's firefighters who are always ready, always prepared," said Doyle. "It is for their commitment to the safety of the traveling public that we dedicate this building today."

The project construction began in September, 1999 and was completed in August, 2000. The old station was becoming inadequate and non-compliant with the new regulations generated by the American With Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The new facility became occupied in October 2000. The \$3,100,000 cost to build the new station was funded through the airport's Passenger Facility Charges (PFC) with no expense to Monroe County taxpayers.

"As the airport grew, the old station's location became a logistical problem with respect to emergency response and aircraft movement areas," said Aviation Director Terry Slaybaugh. "The apparatus storage had become too small for the new ARFF type vehicles and was becoming a safety issue. Additionally, ADA regulations were impacting our tour accessibility. The station averages approximately 3,500 firefighters, students, and general public tours in the course of a year," said Slaybaugh.

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NEW FIRE STATION HIGHLIGHTS

- Location is Center Field for the most rapid response to aircraft related emergencies
- Apparatus Storage is double the storage of the old station
- Vehicle Exhaust Evacuation system
- Non-skid floor
- An extra bay was added to house specialized vehicles/equipment
- Enclosed fire fighting agents and fire fighting turnout gear storage areas
- Four double bunk rooms w/remote communications system
- State-of-the-art communications and alerting system
- Raised communications area for improved visibility.
- Large living, dining and kitchen areas
- Room for expansion
- Cardiovascular/weight training room
- Male/female locker facilities
- 100% ADA Compliant

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